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On 2 September 1951, for the first time since World War II, the Yugoslav Militia was re-equipped with rubber truncheons. This incident has aroused unfavorable reaction among the general public. Truncheons were reissued to the Militia because, according to source, in the past when members of the Yugoslav militia were physically attacked by "irresponsible elements," they could not make use of their firearms.

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Comment: The purpose of equipping the Militia with truncheons was explained in the official newspapers Borba and Politika, as well as other organs of the press, as a defense measure against the "evil-intentioned" and other elements that desire new ways of profiting against the state.

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